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REMARKS

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1. Between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. from 12 to 14 September 1950, jet fighters with swept-back wings flew in elements of two over the Brandenburg-Briest (N 53/Z 13) airfield. The average flying time was 90 minutes. Since such a long flying time had not been previously observed, it was assumed that the planes made intermediate landings. * The aircraft always left toward the southwest.
2. Four jet fighters with swept-back wings, light blue wing tips and light blue rings around their fuselages in front of the rudder assembly, were seen at the field for the first time on 14 September 1950. ** The planes were refueled from tank trucks and took off individually at 12:05 p.m. They landed at 1:15 p.m. The aircraft previously seen in Briest had no markings or paint.
4. At 8 p.m. on 14 September 1950 one conventional aircraft and three jet fighters took off from the field. All of the planes had their navigation lights on. The aircraft landed again about 9 p.m., the jet fighters switching on their searchlights. The field was lighted until midnight.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. To date the maximum flying time of type 14 jet planes without extra tanks has been 45 minutes. The assumption that the planes made intermediate landings is possible.

25X1A* [REDACTED] Comment. These markings have not been observed before on aircraft in the Soviet Zone of Germany. It is possible that some planes were given special markings for the air maneuvers which started on 18 September 1950. One fighter regiment equipped with a minimum of 25 jet planes is still believed to be stationed in Brandenburg-Briest.

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